Public Comment Period for Revisions to the Michigan State Implementation Plan for the West Michigan Moderate Elements of the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) opened a public comment period for revisions to Michigan's State Implementation Plan (SIP) on Monday, July 10, 2023, which will remain open until 5:00 PM EDT on August 9, 2023. The purpose of the public comment period and public hearing, to be held only if requested by August 2nd, is to allow all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed SIP revision.

Proposed SIP Revision:

 West Michigan Moderate Element SIP for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

In the proposed SIP revision, EGLE is asking for public comment on multiple elements of the attainment plan required for three separate West Michigan areas that have not met the 2015 NAAQS for ozone. This submittal is meant to contain the elements required by the Clean Air Act now that the state has areas with a moderate classification. The State of Michigan must demonstrate a pathway to attainment for these areas, which include the western half of Allegan County, Berrien County, and the western half of Muskegon County. This submittal is required by the Clean Air Act.

The public is encouraged to review the proposed documents, which can be found posted on our <u>EGLE - Air Quality - State Implementation Plan and Attainment</u> website under "Criteria Pollutant SIP" and present comments through the end of the public comment period. All statements received during the public comment period will be considered by the Air Quality Division (AQD). After consideration, EGLE may submit the SIP to the United States Environmental Protection Agency as written, submit it with minor revisions, or make major changes that will require a repeat of the public comment period.

Submitting Comments:

There are several ways to submit comments on the proposed SIP revisions.



Email your comment to McdonaldT@Michigan.gov. Please include "Comments on SIP Revision" in the subject line.



Mail your comment to Trace McDonald, EGLE, Air Quality Division, SIP Development Unit, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.



At a public hearing, if held.

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If requested in writing by August 2nd, a virtual public hearing will be held on August 9, 2023, with information on how to attend posted on the AQD's webpage at Michigan.gov/Air.

Individuals without internet access and who are interested in receiving printed copies of the documents related to the proposed SIP revisions or who need accommodations or other assistance to effectively participate in the hearing should contact Lorraine Hickman at 517-582-3494 or HickmanL@Michigan.gov.

This public notice is given in accordance with federal regulations for the SIP.

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